REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7-18 and 20 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-4 and 7-18 stand allowed.

Claim 20 stands rejected for being anticipated by Hugo (USP 6,194,484). Claim 20 is amended above to incorporate the allowable features of independent claim 1, namely the requirement that the core flake have a surface texture in the range 0.2 to 0.4 µm and a depth to pitch ratio of less than 0.5. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims including claim 20 is, therefore courteously solicited.

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